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## County Council of Howard County, Maryland

2014 Legislative Session

Legislative Day No. 2

### Bill No. 7 -2014

Introduced by: Mary Kay Sigaty

AN ACT to clarify when an animal is “at-large” in Howard County; and generally relating to animal control in Howard County.

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Introduced and read first time \_\_\_\_\_, 2014. Ordered posted and hearing scheduled.

By order \_\_\_\_\_  
Sheila M. Tolliver, Administrator

Having been posted and notice of time & place of hearing & title of Bill having been published according to Charter, the Bill was read for a second time at a public hearing on \_\_\_\_\_, 2014.

By order \_\_\_\_\_  
Sheila M. Tolliver, Administrator

This Bill was read the third time on \_\_\_\_\_, 2014 and Passed \_\_\_\_, Passed with amendments \_\_\_\_, Failed \_\_\_\_.

By order \_\_\_\_\_  
Sheila M. Tolliver, Administrator

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for approval this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2014 at \_\_\_\_ a.m./p.m.

By order \_\_\_\_\_  
Sheila M. Tolliver, Administrator

Approved/Vetoed by the County Executive \_\_\_\_\_, 2014

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Ken Ulman, County Executive

NOTE: [[text in brackets]] indicates deletions from existing law; TEXT IN SMALL CAPITALS indicates additions to existing law; Strike-out indicates material deleted by amendment; Underlining indicates material added by amendment.



1 **Section 1. *Be It Enacted*** by the County Council of Howard County, Maryland, that the  
2 *Howard County Code is amended as follows:*

3 *By amending:*

4 *Title 17, Public Protection Services*

5 *Section 17.300 “Definitions”*

6 *Subsection (h) “At large”*

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8 **Title 17, Public Protection Services.**

9 **Subtitle 3. - Animals.**

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11 **SEC. 17.300. Definitions.**

12 Terms in this subtitle have the meanings indicated:

13 (h) At large means:

14 (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, a domesticated animal  
15 is at large when it is:

16 (i) Off the property of its owner (property of the owner does not include  
17 any public right-of-way or easement, common area of condominiums or apartments,  
18 common access road or walkway, or any area open to the public); and

19 (ii) Not IN A CONTAINER, CARRIER, OR CAGE OR secured by a leash or lead  
20 and under the control of a responsible person capable of immediate and effective restraint  
21 of the animal.

22 (2) A domesticated animal is not at large when it is:

23 (i) Under the control of a responsible person capable of immediate and  
24 effective restraint of the animal and being trained or used in herding, hunting, or tracking;

25 (ii) Being trained in obedience; [[or]]

26 (iii) On park [[land]] PROPERTY, as defined in section 19.201 of the  
27 County Code, which has been designated by the Director of [recreation] RECREATION and  
28 [parks] PARKS as a facility for animals, provided the owner of the animal complies with  
29 the rules of the facility; OR

30 (IV) ON PRIVATE PROPERTY THAT IS ENCLOSED AND POSTED AS A DOG PARK.



- 1    ***Section 2. And Be It Further Enacted*** by the County Council of Howard County,
- 2    *Maryland, that this Act shall become effective 61 days after its enactment.*